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and other free world as well.

US GOVT not rpt not prepared discuss GUANTANAMO which is irrelevant in the context of present Cuban situation since (a) only question at issue is Soviet Union compliance with its commitment to remove offensive threat (including appropriate verification and establishment suitable safeguards against introduction such weapons in future), and (b) US GOVT has stated willingness give assurances against invasion Cuba upon such Soviet compliance.

Castro injection GUANTANAMO issue into present question of Soviet missile bases in Cuba constitutes effort upset agreement in principle already reached between US and USSR to remove missiles.

It cannot be considered that Base is being held in Cuba against wishes Cuban people, since in view refusal Castro held free elections and the complete betrayal of the program of the revolution and his promises to Cuban people which led them to support him before he took power-there is no evidence that his regime is in fact representative of Cuban people and much ~~evidence~~ evidence that it is not. In past, under representative governments, there was no rpt no serious demand we abandon base. US considers it would be unreasonable to expect to entertain any discussion of Base with a regime which so clearly satellite of USSR which has used its dominating position in Cuba to create serious threat to American states and entire defensive posture of Free World.

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